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September 20, 2006

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: P2 Zone, Reservoir A, and the P6-P8  
Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Erath  
Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration and Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the P2 Zone, Reservoir A, and the P6-P8 Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

### P2 Zone, Reservoir A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the P2 Zone, Reservoir A, South Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the P2 Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the P2 RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify

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reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The P2 Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Erath Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 14,100 feet and 14,268 feet (electric log measurements) in the Superior-Hulin No. 1 Well located in Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 4 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

**P6-P8 Zone, Reservoir A**

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the P6-P8 Zone, Reservoir A, South Erath Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the P6-P8 Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the P6-P8 RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The P6-P8 Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Erath Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 13,365 feet and 14,120 feet (electric log measurements) in the Union Oil Company of California-E. Dugas No. 7 Well located in Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 5 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on August 16, 2006. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by the undersigned and turned over to David Comeaux, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal and answered questions concerning same. A

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representative for David Sturlese presented counterplans on behalf of Jewitt Hulin. The PS Zone counterplan differed in the orientation of the unit boundaries; the P6-P8 Zone counterplan differed in the placement of the unit boundaries. After further questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. At this point, opposition is expected at the hearing.

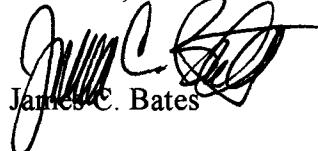
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of South Erath Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of South Erath Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70505-3922, (337) 233-9839.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat showing the proposed unit. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

  
James C. Bates

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
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